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REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 11 July 1955, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8253) in Leipzig was occupied by 350 to 400 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets including some with signal insignia.¹
2. On 12 July, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by approximately 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 300 and 400 soldiers were absent from the installation. [REDACTED]
3. At about 1400 on 13 July, 10 AT guns, presumably of 57 mm; 12 trucks and 4 armored personnel carriers were entrained at the Plagwitz railroad station.²
4. On 14 July, the kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by some 600 to 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Between 400 and 500 soldiers were absent. No activities and no tanks or vehicles were observed in the installation. The doors of the sheds were closed. [REDACTED]
5. Between 9 and 19 July, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and motor transport insignia and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets.
6. The units engaged in advanced combat and field training, sometimes with tanks, in the training area south of the installation. Driving practices and night training with tanks were observed in the wooded area of Tresen, 7 km. east of Taucha. The tanks left the installation after nightfall and returned shortly before dawn.

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8. Between 9 and 19 July, no loadings or unloadings were observed at the Taucha railroad station.³

9. Between 1 and 16 July, the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne (1802) in Riesa was occupied by the following units:

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a. A medium tank unit of some 700 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including about 75 percent with tank insignia. The unit was presumably under the command of a colonel of the armored command. Heavy weapons observed included about 25 T-34/85 tanks, about 15 T-54 tanks, 2 to 3 salvage tanks, and several armored personnel carriers and BA-64 armored scout cars. Light infantry weapons observed included pistols, and submachine guns of a new type and of type PPS model 1943, the latter at a rate of about 3 to 1. At about 0700 on 14 July, 2 T-54 tanks left the installation toward the training grounds and returned at 2000. In the morning of 16 July, imprints of tracks of 6 to 8 T-54 tanks led from the Riesa freight station to the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne.⁴

b. A unit of approximately 120 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, most of them with signal insignia. The unit was under the command of a major of the signal troops.⁵

c. A military band of approximately 20 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets.⁴

10. Between 1 and 16 July, the Mudra Kaserne (1801) in Riesa was occupied as follows:

a. An engineer unit of some 250 men, who wore red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. The unit was presumably under the command of a lieutenant colonel (enr). The following weapons and equipment were observed: 36 TMP steel pontoons, steel supports and pertinent wooden covering, 1 DUKW 353-type amphibious vehicle, 2 US Ford GPA-type amphibious vehicles, 2 large and 2 small motorboats, 2 crane trucks, and 1 ambulance. Four 37-mm AA guns were repeatedly seen in the installation in connection with the engineer unit.⁶

b. A medium AA battery (?) with 5 x 85-mm AA guns and 1 AAA fire-control director, which had been observed there since about January 1955. The pertinent unit numbered approximately 80 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

c. Presumably a motor transport unit, since some 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor-transport insignia and some 50 trucks, predominantly ZIS 150 and GAS 63, were observed in the installation. Two sheds of 30 x 12 meters were under construction, one in the east and one in the southwest section of the installation.⁸

d. A small unit wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The imprints of a track-laying vehicle were recently observed leading into the installation. A few armored vehicles may be stationed in the installation.⁹

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1. Comment. The information indicates no changes. 25X1
2. Comment. According to branch-of-service insignia (arty) 25X1
the Leipzig-Heiterblick Kaserne was 25X1
presumably occupied by elements of the 13th AAA Div. of the 25X1
Eighth Gds Army. 25X1
3. Comment. The varying information on the occupa 25X1
presumably resulted from changes in connection with tr activity. 25X1
4. Comment. The tank unit in the Von-der-Goltz Kaserne in 25X1
Riesa is believed to be the 108th Tank Reg. Since the installation quarters only one 25X1
Regt, the military post of which could not be 25X1
is probably stationed in Zeithain (1901), (until now believed to be 25X1
stationed in Zeithain or Riesa). the 25X1
9th Tank Div. in Riesa received 18 tanks 25X1
The shipment had been designated as carrying 25X1
a load exceeding standard measurements. The military band presumably 25X1
belonged to the 108th Tank Rgt. 25X1
5. Comment. The signal unit observed in the Von-der-Goltz 25X1
Kaserne probably is the u/1 Sig Bn of the 9th Tank Div. the 25X1
location of which could not be determined; (until now believed 25X1
to be stationed in the Mudra Kaserne (1801?) or Von-der-Goltz 25X1
Kaserne (1802)). 25X1
6. Comment. The installation of the 286th Engr Bn of the 9th 25X1
Tank Div. is known. The 4 AA guns reportedly seen with the engineer 25X1
unit, probably belonged to the AAA unit stationed in the same 25X1
installation and were presumably detached to the engineer battalion 25X1
for the duration of exercises. The engineer 25X1
equipment observed there confirms available information on the 25X1
equipment of an engineer battalion of a tank division. The TMP 25X1
pontoon deserve special attention. 25X1
7. Comment. This AAA unit probably belongs to the 216th (?) 25X1
AAA Regt of the 9th Tank Div. Elements of the regiment were 25X1
stationed at the during the period under 25X1
review. place of these elements 25X1
may explain the 25X1
8. Comment. Branch-of-service insignia and vehicles observed 25X1
tend to indicate that the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa, among other units, 25X1
quarters a motor-transport unit. The u/1 Motor Trans Bn of the 9th 25X1
Tank Div, which was probably concerned, had so far been carried in 25X1
Camp Zeithain (?) (1901 ?). 25X1
9. Comment. These were probably elements of the 671st Tank Tng 25X1
Bn of the 9th Tank Div. It remains to be se 25X1
battalion to Zeithain, which was mentioned 25X1
was temporary or permanent. 25X1